GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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DUAL USE TERCHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has urged U.S. to lift the restrictions imposed earlier on transfer of dual use technology;

(b) if so, the reaction of the U.S. Government thereto; (

(c) the impact of the non-transfer of dual technology on our system; and

(d) the efforts being made to ensure that the country becomes self-sufficient in this technology?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) & (b) On 22 September 2001, the United States lifting all sanctions imposed on India after the nuclear tests in May 1998, including the sanction on export of `dual use` technology and products. Export licences of these items to India will now be reviewed on a case-by-case basis in accordance with normal U.S. law in this regard. During their meeting in Washington D.C. on 9 November 2001, Prime Minister and U.S. President George Bush agreed that the two sides should begin a dialogue with a view towards evaluating the processes for transfer of dual-use and military items from the United States to India, with a view towards greater transparency and efficiency.

(c) & (d) Government has consistently followed a policy of encouraging the indigenous development of sensitive and `dual use` technology in the country, which is demonstrated by the impressive achievements of the Indian scientific community in developing products and technology to meet the economic and security needs of the country, despite a range of international restrictions on transfer of such technology to India.